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Over 600 Volunteers to Participate in United Way's Annual Day of Caring

Anchorage, AK -- Hundreds of employees from Anchorage's diverse business community will be rolling up their sleeves to get critical work done at **locations** across the city as part of United Way of Anchorage's 22nd annual Day of Caring on Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

United Way's Day of Caring is this community's single largest corporate volunteer day.

"This year, through United Way's partnerships, we have connected over 600 community volunteers and generous businesses with local non-profits to complete projects that otherwise may not have been completed," said Shawna Burke, Associate Director, Income Health Impact, United Way of Anchorage. "The Day of Caring represents the best of Anchorage's spirit; it is about professionals, family, friends and neighbors coming together to serve those in need and build a better community. It's true when they say strength comes in numbers."

Day of Caring volunteers will spend their time on everything from painting and yard work to playing BINGO with the residents of a local retirement home.

Just how much can be accomplished in a day? Using the Independent Sector's Value of Volunteer Time, 2,500 volunteer hours delivers a community savings close to \$65,000.

Day of Caring Interview availability: Shawna Burke 11am – 2pm. Call 503.754.7287

Day of Caring Project for media outreach:

Alaska Botanical Gardens

Address: 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road

Volunteers: BP and ConocoPhillips and Alyeska Pipeline

Time frame: 9 am – 4 pm

On-site contact: Stacey Shriner 770.3692 ext. 102

As part of the fall Garden maintenance and new facility improvements this year's projects include: Trail maintenance; Raking/grooming Research & Development Plot; Spreading compost in planting beds; Perimeter fence and firebreak maintenance; Prepare nursery beds for winter by improving drainage under each display bench and Installation of a root barrier in the new Trailside Garden.

About United Way of Anchorage

United Way of Anchorage mobilizes people and resources to make lasting, measurable changes in our community to improve lives. Our priorities are successful, prepared kids; strong, financially stable families; access to medical care for all; and a community making healthy lifestyle choices. United Way invites you to join the movement. www.liveunitedanc.org

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